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If this bill does not pass every independent physician and diagnostic service facility will either be run out of state or out of business.

It will also allow the hospitals to have a monopoly and to freely violate antitrust laws. We will no longer have free enterprise with competition to control costs. The consumer will no longer have a choice on where they want to go for care. This is why one of our local hospitals according to a report by the Institute for Health and Socio-Economic Policy, has the biggest markup for drugs by a hospital in America (including both for profit and not-for-profit).

A 3584% markup? Could anything top that?

Description: The markup for drugs by not-for-profit St. Peters Hospital of Helena, MT.

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7575.8%

That's how much not-for-profit St. Peters Hospital of Heléna, Montana marks up their drug prices.

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